

APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES PATENT
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

TRACKED VEHICLES, AND ENDLESS TRACKS AND WHEELS THEREFORE

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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I do not know and do not believe that this invention (i) was ever known or used in the United States before my invention thereof, or (ii) was patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention thereof, or (iii) was patented or described in any printed publication more than one year prior to the present application, or (iv) was in public use or on sale in the United States more than one year prior to the present application, or (v) has been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of the present application in any foreign country on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to the present application.

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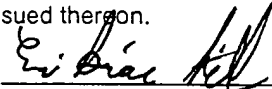
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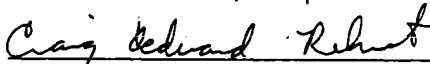
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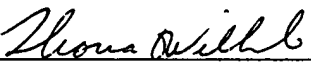
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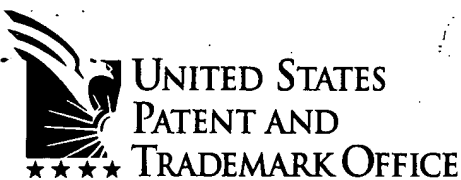
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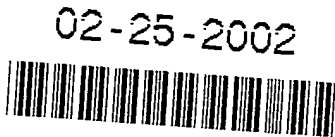
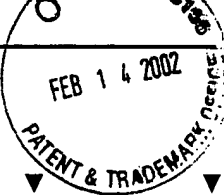
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ASSIGNMENT

The below named inventor(s) own(s) the entire right title and interest to the invention ("the Invention") which is the subject of a United States patent application ("the Application") entitled:

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Pursuant to an agreement between each inventor and Deere & Company, a Delaware corporation having its principal office at Moline, Illinois, as well as other good and valuable considerations paid to each inventor, each inventor agrees to assign, and hereby does assign to Deere & Company the entire right, title and interest which said inventor has or may have to the Invention.

The assigned rights include all rights to file US and foreign patent applications for the Invention described in the name of each inventor or Deere & Company, as well as any right of priority to any letters patent of the United States or any other country that may be granted for the Invention, and any continuations, divisions or extensions thereof. These assigned rights are to be held and enjoyed by Deere & Company, its successors or assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by each inventor had this assignment not been made.

Each inventor agrees to execute all papers which Deere & Company, its successors or assigns deem expedient in connection with the Application and any continuing, divisional, reissue, reexamination or foreign applications concerning the Invention, and to cooperate with Deere & Company, its successors or assigns in every proper way possible to obtain patent(s) based on the Application and any continuing, divisional, reissue, reexamination or foreign applications concerning the Invention.

Each inventor hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any letters patent based on the assigned rights to Deere & Company.

In witness whereof, each inventor has signed below:

Eric Brian Smith Date signed application Nov. 13, 2001
Eric Brian Smith

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County of Black Hawk)ss

Sworn to before me this 12 day of Nov, 2001.

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